"Even though India should have

visited us after the World Cup, the Board

of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)

made the Bangladesh commitment well

over a year ago," Zia was quoted as

What do I tell people in Pakistan?

chance of hosting the Asia Cup.

Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB).

"How do you expect us to react?

"It was on the understanding that

India would play Pakistan in a Test

series, even if that be on neutral terri-

tory, that we agreed to forego our

ising, why should Pakistan play at all?

to a bilateral series is hurting the

unless India and Pakistan join hands."

AFP that Dalmiya and Zia will discuss

the matter in Dubai, adding "all was not

lost vet, a compromise could still be

Besides India and Pakistan, the other

teams due to play in the Asia Cup are Sri

Lanka, Bangladesh and qualifiers Hong Kong and the United Arab Emirates.

"But, when even that is not material

"After all, it's known that India's no

"The ACC has not future. It can't

An Indian cricket board source told

Bishops' allegation

ICC Cricket World Cup

REUTERS, Johannesburg

Zimbabwe police stepped up harassment and torture of political activists during this year's cricket World Cup despite promising to permit peaceful protests, senior church leaders said on Thursday.

The Solidarity Peace Trust, a new group of South African and

torture or severe ill treatment," the group said in a report issued in Johannesburg.

torture took place during other peaceful protests in February and March.

At the time, World Cup organisers matches to principal hosts South

Faruk Smriti Sangha defeated

Young Star Club by seven wickets in

the Econo Cricket League at the

In reply, Faruk Smriti reached

the target of 119 runs for three in

Myanmar U-23

booters in city

The Myanmar Under-23 football

team arrived in the capital on

Athens Olympic preliminary round

The match will be held at the

Bangladesh lost the first leg 0-3

The home side need to win by a

clear 4-goal margin for a berth in

final qualifying round to be held in

India vs South Africa

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Primera Liga

Barcelona vs Deportivo

Repeat at 3:00 pm

English Premier Football League

Live at 7:55 pm

Sportscentre Hindi

Sport News

Live at 10:00 pm

India vs South Africa

TVS Cup Tri-Series

Live at 2:00 pm

Sportsline Tonight

Sport News

Live at 10:30 pm

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shortly afterwards

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tournament in the Cricket

Tendulkar

Ganguly Lee

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Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium in

clash against Bangladesh.

Mirpur tomorrow.

Africa, saying Zimbabwean authorities had agreed to allow peaceful protests within the limits of the country's strict

Zimbabwe police charged a total of 42 people under those laws after the demonstrators displayed posters critical of President Robert Mugabe during a February 28 match between Zimbabwe and the Netherlands in Bulawayo.

England were forfeited the points from their scheduled group match with Zimbabwe in Harare which eventually probably cost them a place in the Super Sixes next stage.

Their captain Nasser Hussain said he was concerned about the morality of playing in the country though the English cricket board later said that security was the main reason they refused to play.

The Solidarity Peace Trust was $formed\,this\,month\,to\,press\,for\,peaceful$ change in Zimbabwe and address human rights concerns. It is chaired by Catholic Archbishop Pius Ncube of Bulawayo, long an outspoken critic of Mugabe's government.

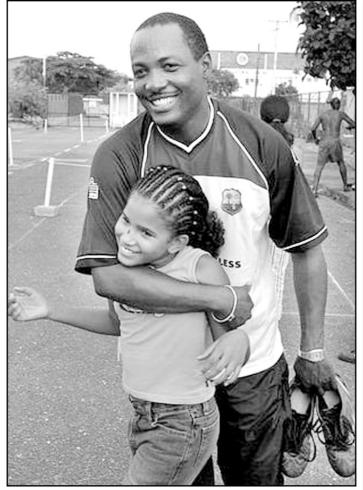
Opposition groups and human rights activists have charged Mugabe's government with harassment and repression as the country sinks into its worst political and economic crisis since independence in 1980.

The government on Wednesday escaped censure by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights after African countries blocked a European Union bid to condemn it for allegedly permitting "numerous cases of assault and torture in a climate of impunity".

In one case in the Trust's report, a 40-year-old female protester in Bulawayo reported that she was held for four days in various police stations and repeatedly beaten and whipped.

She also said she was blindfolded and gagged with her own protest banners -- one of which read "We Need

The trust said that in some cases detained protesters were subjected to treatment which meets the UN criteria for torture, including assault with batons, baseball bats and whips and deprivation of food, water and medical



West Indies captain Brian Lara having fun with a young fan before he and other members of the team played a soccer match against a local team in Port of Spain in Trinidad on April 15. The West Indies meet Australia in the second Test at Queen's Park Oval from Saturday.

An Eng innovation

A 20-overs-a-side competition aimed at increasing interest in the new English county cricket season, which starts on

The Twenty20 Cup replaces the old Benson and Hedges Cup, which began in 1973, and is the first new event in

"This is the most ambitious and revolutionary step county cricket has taken since 1963, when the first one-day domestic competition, the Gillette Cup, was born," England and Wales Cricket Board's chief executive Tim Lamb said

"The Twenty20 Cup is unashamedly aimed at getting new and younger

minutes with matches played at convenient late afternoon times to make cricket watching more accessible for both school children and office workers

into three groups of six teams each with

The competition starts on June 13

County cricket in England has languished in recent years with only a handful of spectators attending many

Meanwhile, the England and Wales company Npower to cover the Twenty20 Cup and men's and women's Test cricket until the end of the 2005

Selection gone

Cricket

Cricket chiefs from India and Pakistan

will meet in Dubai early next month to

resolve the impasse arising out of the

Indian government's refusal to sanction

Indian cricket supremo Jagmohan

Dalmiya and his Pakistani counterpart

Taugir Zia will meet on the sidelines of

the Asian Cricket Foundation session in

Dubai on May 3 to ensure the deadlock

between the arch-rivals did not ruin

Pakistan last week pulled out of the

six-nation Asia Cup in Sri Lanka from

August 10-28 after the Indian govern-

ment once again declined permission

for the Indian team to play a scheduled

Test series in Pakistan this month in

protest at Islamabad's alleged support

The Indian team is, however,

allowed to play against Pakistan in

multi-nation events like the World Cup

to militancy in Kashmir.

hilateral series against Pakistan

AFP, New Delhi

Asian cricket.

Raishahi showed his true character. Mashud's treatment was just

other one of Aliul's idiosyncrasies.

He made as many as three changes in the second match against South Africa. Opener Mehrab Hossain, middle-order batsman Tushar Imran and left-arm seamer Maniurul Islam were all dropped after just one chance to show their worth. They were replaced by opener Javed Omar, Habibul Bashar and

young paceman Tareg Aziz Khan. Then the selectors made one change for the third game against India leaving out Sanwar Hossain and bringing in opener Mehrab

And yesterday there were three changes again with Javed, Mashud and Tarek getting the chop.

Interestingly, the batsmen suffer the most from Aliul's antics.

Take the example of Javed, who was not even considered a part of the World

Cup squad. Yet the selectors thought he could still play a part in the tri-series. But after opening in the second

match to score a dismal nine, Javed was

Result: South Africa won by 93 runs.

Man-of-the-match: Shaun Pollock.

Carlton Baugh of Jamaica is due to

 $make\,his\,test\,debut\,in\,the\,same\,match$

which ended on Sunday. The second

test starts at the Queen's Park Oval in

Brian Lara (captain), Ramnaresh

Sarwan (vice-captain), Wavell Hinds,

Devon Smith, Daren Ganga,

Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Marlon

Samuels, Carlton Baugh, David

Bernard, Omari Banks, Vasbert

Drakes, Mervyn Dillon, Pedro Collins,

Wants to be

during the first test in Guyana.

Port of Spain on Saturday.

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Shaun Pollock

Makhaya Ntini

Allan Dawson

Andrew Hall

Paul Adams

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sent to bat at number four without any

Indo-Pak summit planned

The two sides met in the recent

World Cup in South Africa on March 1, a

match that passed off without incident

and raised hopes that bilateral Test

India have not played a Test match

in Pakistan since 1989, while Pakistan

played three Tests in India in 1999-2000

despite threats from Hindu fundamen-

went off peacefully, but the third at the

Eden Gardens in Calcutta ended in front

of an empty stadium after police were

forced to clear the stands following

army, admitted to the Calcuta-based

Telegraph newspaper on Thursday that

India's refusal to play in Pakistan forced

the sole, consideration. There have been

a series of events," Zia told the newspa-

per in a telephonic interview from

participation in the ongoing three-

nation tournament in Bangladesh when

it should have been playing a Test series

He had Pakistan was irked at India's

"Look, that's been the top, but not

him to pull out of the Asia Cup.

Zia, a serving general in the Pakistani

The Tests in Madras and New Delhi

series may finally take place.

talists to disrupt the tour.

crowd trouble.

Rawalpindi.'

The selectors showed their lack of wisdom by wanting to pick more seamers on traditionally docile tracks. Now they are desperately searching for spinners ahead of the Test series against

It now seems the Jekyll and Hyde experimentation is destined to continue as long as Aliul is in the 'lab'. But the real sufferers of this chaotic situation are the players and it goes without saying that it is seriously hurting team spirit.

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B'DESH-S AFRICA SCOREBOARD

Opening batsman Atapattu was one of Sri Lanka's few standouts in the World

Cup.
Left-handed Tillekeratne, who made his Test debut in 1989-90, has made more than 4,000 runs, averaging 44 in 73 Tests.

The first Test against New Zealand gets underway in Colombo on April 25, followed by the second Test in Kandy

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the Wizards' top executive. He was back on the court 18 months later.

"Now I don't want to play. It's time to move on," he said. "Physically I can feel it. I'm still competitive mentally, but I've given everything physically.

"Each time I tried to put a time frame on when this love affair was going to be over between me and basketball, it really wasn't. And I don't think it ever will. It's just that I got strong enough to say I need to move

away from it. Jordan left no doubt that he will not make yet another comeback.

"It's time," he said. "It's not a terrible feeling. It's something I have come to grips with. This is the final retirement. You don't have to worry about me putting on another uniform. I welcome the time away from the

In his final game, Jordan scored 15 points, the last of them on a free throw with 1:45 to play. He was pulled from the game a moment later, taking a seat on the bench while a sellout crowd of 21,257 gave a three-minute standing

"When you see the outpouring of love in every city, going to just say thank you to this guy, that's what has been great -- seeing the way cities have shown their admiration and respect.

Wizards coach Doug Collins said. Jordan scored Washington's first four points in the third quarter but spent most of the fourth quarter on the bench, prompting fans to chant "We Want Mike" as they hungered for one

final glance at Jordan on the court Final rehearsal

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instead of practising in the nets opted to cool off in their hotel swimming pool in the evening.

PROBABABLE TEAMS

Cricket Board (ECB) said on Thursday. England play two Tests against Zimbabwe starting on May 22 followed by five against the South

Hussain's successor as England's one-day skipper will not be named

Hussain stood down from the job six weeks ago following the team's first-round elimination from the

Umpires: Aleem Dar (Pakistan) and A Akhtaruddin (Bangladesh). **Hussain stays**

Test captain

REUTERS, London

to replace Ridley Jacobs, who is out of Nasser Hussain has been confirmed action with a torn muscle he suffered as England's Test captain for the home series against Zimbabwe and West Indies suffered a crushing nine-wicket defeat in the first test South Africa, the England and Wales

INDIA (from): Saurav Ganguly (cap-

tain), Virender Sehwag, Gautam Gambhir, Parthiv Patel, Mohammad Kaif, Sanjay Banger, Dinesh Mongia, Aiit Agarkar, Aavishker Salvi, Sharandeep Singh, Harbhajan Singh, Amit Mishra, Abhijit Kale, Zaheer Khan, and Yuvraj Singh.

SOUTH AFRICA (from): Graeme Smith (captain), Paul Adams, Jacques Rudolph, Mark Boucher, Allan Dawson, Boeta Dippenaar, Herschelle Gibbs, Andrew Hall, Neil McKenzie, Charl Willoughby, Shaun Pollock, Robin Peterson and Makhaya Ntini. Umpires: Billy Bowden (New Zealand)

and MAkhtaruddin (Bangladesh).

Italian Filippo Volandri celebrates after defeating Swedish Magnus Norman in the Monte Carlo Masters Series

No more Magnus magic



AFP, Monaco

Magnus Norman was unable to produce the magic which saw off Gustavo Kuerten as he slid out of the Monte Carlo Masters Series here on Thursday, Italian Filippo Volandri scoring a 7-5, 6-3 victory to reach the quarterfinals. Sweden's Norman had recovered

from 1-6, 2-5 down to dismiss former champion Kuerten on Wednesday but here ran out of steam against a determined opponent who had proved too strong for Argentine sixth seed David Nalbandian in the previous round.

"This is the most beautiful win of my career," beamed Volandri, a 21-

vear-old from Livorno, who is now hoping to become the first Italian champion here since Nicola Pietrangeli in 1968. Should he manage that he would

then be dreaming of emulating compatriot Adriano Panatta, who won the French Open at Roland Garros in 1976. Also advancing to the last eight was

Alberto Martin, who edged fellow Spaniard Fernando Vicente 6-4, 7-6 Volandri swept into an early 5-1 lead

but Norman pulled it back to 5-5 only to concede his service to love and fall a set pehind after 40 minutes. The Swede then came back from 1-

3 to 3-3 in the second set but found Volandri firing every effort back with interest as the Italian cranked up the He could even afford to squander

forehand set up a third opportunity. Volandri, clad Lleyton Hewitt-style in a baseball cap worn back to front, accepted that one when Norman netted a forehand after 1hr 19min.

two match points before a crunching

Dutch ninth seed Sjeng Schalken and French wildcard Julien Boutter followed Volandri and Norman onto centre court while top-seeded Spanish titleholder Juan Carlos Ferrero was meeting Argentine 13th seed Gaston Gaudio for the right to meet Martin.

Second seed Carlos Moya was up against fellow Spaniard and 16thseeded Tommy Robredo while Spanish 16-year-old Rafael Nadal, who knocked out French Open champion Albert Costa on Wednesday, was later playing Argentine Guillermo

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I ASKED THE BANKEI TO CHECK MY BALANCE, SO SHE POLITEL REACHED OUT AND PUSHED ME.

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals S

from Argentina fought back for a 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 victory over Russia's Elena Likhovtseva and will take on third-seeded American Jennifer Capriati in the third round.

2. Who was the man-qf-the-match in the World Cup final Bichel Ponting 3. What was the lowest score in the World Cup? What was the highest score in the World Cup? 345 Class. Roll No.

Zimbabwean bishops, said human rights monitors documented at least 80 cases of protesters detained in connection with three World Cup cricket $matches\,held\,in\,the\,city\,of\,Bulawayo.$ "All those detained have reported

"Furthermore, detentions and

and not only in relation to the cricket." resisted overseas pressure to switch

OUR CORRESPONDENT

Magura Stadium yesterday.

116 all out in 25.4 overs.

SPORTS REPORTER

22.4 overs.

Magura cricket Warne decision

Batting first Young Star made Cricket

Disgraced Australian cricketer Shane Warne will have to wait a little longer to learn whether he is allowed to play in

to be delayed

English charity matches. The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) and the Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA) cannot agree and said on Wednesday they will seek a ruling from an independent arbitrator on the issue.

The ACB directors decided last weekend that the high-profile Wednesday to play their return-leg legspinner, banned from cricket until February 10 next year after testing positive to a banned diuretic, could not take part in any organised cricket matches, including charity and testimonial games, during his 12-month

But the the players' union is now involved because the two bodies have different interpretations of the memorandum of understanding between

"The ACB interpretation of the ACB/ACA Memorandum of Understanding which governs the relationship between the ACB, ACA and

contracted players, is that players

suspended under the ACB Anti-Doping

Top seed Justine Henin-

Hardenne of Belgium received an

award for her charitable work

Wednesday, then made short

work of Madagascar's Dally

Randriantefy at the Bausch and

Henin routed Randriantefy, 6-

3, 6-0, as all seeds who played in

the main draw reached the third

round for the first time in the

history of this 585,000-dollar

Honored before her match

with the Commitment to

Community Award for her contri-

butions to the Make-A-Wish

Foundation, Henin-Hardenne

actually secured a spot in the

quarter-finals when 12th seed

Clarisa Fernandez withdrew from

their third-round match due to a

In other action Wednesday,

fifth seed Jelena Dokic of

Yugoslavia outlasted Slovenia's

Tina Pisnik, 7-5, 5-7, 6-1, and No. 6

Monica Seles of the United States

- a former champion - rallied for a

2-6, 7-6 (7/5), 6-3 triumph over

Seventh seed Patty Schnyder of

Switzerland had a 6-1, 4-1 lead

over Maja Matevzic when the

Slovenian retired with a right

ankle strain. Schnyder's third-

round opponent is No. 8 Meghann

Shaugnessy of the United States,

who cruised past Spain's Virginia

No. 11 Nathalie Dechy of

France had trouble with Maria

Vento-Kabchi before eliminating

the Venezuelan qualifier 7-5, 4-6,

7-5. Dechy should have even more

trouble in the third round against

Seles, who has won both meetings

Paola Suarez, the 15th seed

Germany's Anca Barna.

Ruano Pascual 6-2, 6-3.

between the two.

Lomb Championships.

claycourt event.

sprained left wrist.

on course

AFP, Amelia Island

Policy cannot play in any organised cricket games, including charity and testimonial games," the board said in a statement released late Wednesday.

"The ACA interpretation is that

suspended players can play in bonafide charity and testimonial games.' Warne has received an offer to play

for Lashings, an English charity side, during his suspension. The board also ruled on several other issues surrounding Warne's suspension, allowing him to train with

suspended.

activity while Warne is suspended, including training with club, state and national teams; taking part in coaching and promotional clinics, school promotions, iunior development programs and working as a media commentator, the ACB said. The statement said the board and the

The board did approve other

the Law Institute of Victoria after the Easter holidays for a recommendation about a suitable arbitrator. Warne made an unannounced appearance on a Channel Nine sports program on Wednesday and said he

association were discussing an approach to

Cricket

REUTERS, London

Friday, is to be launched in June.

county cricket for 30 years.

audiences to watch county cricket "Before this year, the shortest county

The 18 first class counties are divided

the group winners and the best runnerup progressing to a finals day on July 19.

and all the 45 group matches will be played over a 12-day period.

championship games although the limited overs game has proved more Cricket Board announced on Thursday that it had negotiated a 11.08-milliondollar sponsorship deal with energy

vould concentrate for the time being on match lasted over five hours; Twenty20 Cup games will be over in two hours 45